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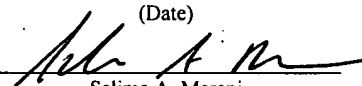
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Applicants hereby submit a Declaration, attached herewith, in the above-captioned case. The Declaration provides that the article entitled "*In Vivo* Caries-Like Lesion Prevention with Argon Laser: Pilot Study," Journal of Clinical Laser Medicine & Surgery, Vol. 17, No. 6, 1999, pp. 241-243 ("the reference") is the sole inventive work of G. Lynn Powell. Dr. Powell is an inventor in the above-captioned case.

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DECLARATION

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Dear Sirs:

1. We, G. Lynn Powell, Randall W. Ellis, and Gary H. Westerman are named authors of an article entitled: "*In Vivo* Caries-Like Lesion Prevention with Argon Laser: Pilot Study", journal of Clinical Laser Medicine & Surgery, Vol. 17, No. 6, 1999, pp. 241-243, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit A. An additional named author, Richard J. Blankenau is now deceased.

2. This article describes the results of a clinical study to investigate the effectiveness of laser irradiation to reduce demineralization or loss of tooth structure.

3. The protocol for the clinical study is entirely the work of one of the authors, namely G. Lynn Powell. The other authors contributed to the clinical study only by carrying out the protocol and reporting the observed results.

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4. I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or patent issuing therefrom.

Dated: May 17, 2002

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